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Title : Need for proper maintenance of National Highway No. 47 between Thrissur and Walayar.

SHRI N.N. KRISHNADAS (PALGHAT): The condition of National Highway No. 47 (Cochin-Salem) between Thrissur-Walayar is terribly bad. During the last year, no maintenance work had been done after the heavy monsoon. This year also, due to the heavy monsoon, the same area of NH-47 is completely damaged. This is the main passage from Cochin to Chennai. The volume of the traffic is very high on this route. Due to the bad condition of this road, the accident rate has increased by 100 per cent within one year between this particular area. More than 100 lives have been lost due to the accidents. So, people are agitating and demanding the immediate repair of the fully damaged National Highway.

So, I urge upon the Government to give the necessary directions to the concerned for the immediate repair of this important National Highway No. 47 between Thrissur and Walayar.

MADAM CHAIRMAN : Now, we come to the next item, Food Safety and Standards Bill; Mr. Minister to continue.

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN (BALASORE): Madam, the last item in today's business, Item 14, is regarding discussion on the report of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. But, no time has been fixed for this. At what time will it start? This being an important discussion, time should be fixed for that. It is because it involves the sentiments of a number of people. If it is not discussed today, tomorrow it cannot be discussed.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: We can take it up only after completing the whole business.

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN : It may not be finished today. If it is not finished, then this item cannot be discussed.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Tomorrow we will see.

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN : Tomorrow, there is a discussion on price rise, which is an important subject.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: Today, at least we have to finish this business.

SHRI KHARABELA SWAIN : The hon. Minister of State of Parliamentary Affairs is here. He can tell us.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI BIJOY HANDIQUE): Let us go ahead with the List of Business. It is because time has not been indicated here, let us go ahead with the same. In the meantime I will try to find out.

MADAM CHAIRMAN: First, let us complete this business and then we will see.